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Sir:

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	0	minus highest number	
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

\$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION BY THE OFFICE

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.103(a), Applicants hereby request that the Office grant a suspension of action in this case for a period of six (6) months from the date of the present Request, expiring on September 4, 2005. The required good and sufficient cause for suspension of action is discussed below.

The undersigned has been advised by the Examiner by telephone that the present application is in condition for allowance. As of today's date, however, no paper has issued indicating that the application has been allowed. Therefore, no action is outstanding from the Office requiring a reply by the applicants (37 CFR 1.103(a)).

Inventorship of the invention as claimed in the present application is currently under dispute as between the presently named inventor Reid Von Borstel of Wellstat

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Therapeutics Corporation and Robert K. Naviaux of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). The Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 14, 2001, January 18, 2002, February 14, 2002 and May 29, 2002 have alluded to the litigation proceedings between these two parties. The matter is now destined to be arbitrated before an arbitrator. No firm date has been set for initiation of these proceedings, although they are expected to begin later in 2005, once the parties have settled on an arbitrator.

The good and sufficient cause for suspension of action is based on the fact that one possible outcome of the forthcoming arbitration is a change of inventorship and therefore ownership as well. A change of inventorship and/or ownership could raise new issues of patentability, for example potential obviousness-type double patenting with one or more patent applications filed by UCSD. Moreover, in the event that a change in inventorship or ownership is indicated, it would be more expeditious for the parties to prepare and file any necessary change of inventorship and assignment documentation while the case is pending and prior to allowance, rather than after allowance or after grant. For the above reasons, it is believed that good and sufficient cause is present for suspension of action in this case.

The present Request has been transmitted to the USPTO by facsimile transmission (571-273-8300) on March 4, 2005. At the suggestion of the Examiner's supervisor (James O. Wilson), a copy of the present paper (together with a copy of the facsimile confirmation page evidencing transmission today to 571-273-8300) is also being forwarded by facsimile transmission to the Examiner (571-273-0654).

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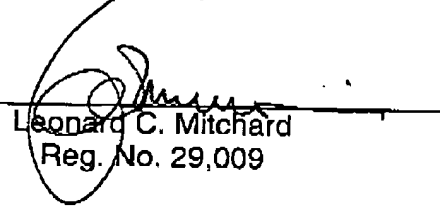
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for this Request to our deposit account No. 14-1140.

Favorable action on this Request is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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